

## HISTORIC DOWNTOWN



With its rich history in Illinois politics, being the terminus of the National Road, and the place where Abraham Lincoln began his political career, the City Of Vandalia is noted for its historic downtown district. We encourage you to visit the Vandalia Statehouse State Historic Site, Fayette County Museum and Garden, the National Road Interpretive Center and other great attractions.



## FARMERS TRIBUTE MONUMENT

The Farmers Monument is an impressive, black granite piece located at the Vandalia Tourist Information Center near the intersection of Interstate 70 and Route 51. Dedicated on June 16th, 2001, this monument is a tribute to the prairie farmers' contributions of the past which helped lead to the development of present day and future generations to come.



located at the south end of Third Street in Vandalia, Illinois lies the Old State Cemetery. One-half acre of the land was to be reserved for members of the legislature who might die while serving at the Capitol in Vandalia, should weather prevent their transfer home for burial. Four legislators and one Federal Judge were buried there along with several people of note:

- **William Greenup** played the city of Vandalia and was the first Superintendent on the National Road in Illinois. The city of Greenup was named for him.
- **Ferdinand Ernst** led a colony from Hanover, Germany to Vandalia. He had homes and businesses built for the colonists and all slept under roof their first night in Vandalia.
- **Colonel Lucian Greenhouse** killed in the battle of Atlanta. His headstone has an epitaph by General Sherman.



## KASKASKIA SUPPLY DRAGON

The 35 foot long metal monster stands tall overlooking I-70 in front of the Kaskaskia Supply Hardware Store. Make a quick stop at Mach 21 Liquor Store across the street and grab "Dragon Tokens" to catch the real magic. For only one dollar you can make the beast come alive with glowing red eyes and fire billowing from it's snout 16-feet overhead. This unique attraction makes for a great photo op and the kids will love it!



## VANDALIA STATEHOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

The oldest Illinois State Capitol building is Federal-style architecture. At the top of the staircase are the Senate and House of Representatives where Abraham Lincoln began his political career.

315 W. Gallatin St. • 618-283-1161



## NATIONAL ROAD INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Learn the history of travel and transportation in the early days of our country through interactive maps, exhibits and films. You'll see how the National Road was an important factor in westward expansion.

106 S. Fifth St. • 618-283-9380



## FAYETTE COUNTY MUSEUM

The museum contains Lincoln-era memorabilia and artifacts of the people living in the county. Of special interest is an original paper press from the Capitol and Lincoln's "free."

301 W. Main St. • 618-283-4866

Call or go online for a dining guide and other travel information. 618.283.2728 [VandaliaIllinois.com](http://VandaliaIllinois.com)

# ATTRACTIONS

**Vandalia Statehouse**  
315 W. Gallatin St.

**Lincoln Park & Life-size Lincoln Statue**

Across from Statehouse

**Lincoln Wayside Exhibits**

Downtown Vandalia, Lincoln Park, Old State Cemetery and Roger Park

**Madonna of the Trail Statue**

Southwest corner of Statehouse Lawn

**National Road Interpretive Center**

106 S. Fifth St.

**Fayette County Museum**

301 W. Main St.

**Little Brick House**

627 W. St. Clair St.

**Kaskaskia Supply Dragon**

Corner of Veterans & Rock Island Avenues

**Starmax Cinemas**

215 Mattes Ave.

# RECREATION

**Vandalia Lake – Boating, Fishing & Swimming**

Northwest of Vandalia on IL Route 185

**Vandalia Park District & Public Swimming Pool**

1001 W. Fillmore Street

**Vandalia Bowl**

2605 Veterans Ave.

**Lincoln Loop Walking Trail**

Begins at corner of Locust and Jefferson Streets

**IL Central Railroad River Walk**

Behind County Health Department - 416 W. Edwards St.

The Vandalia area has it all! Have fun in the sun at the lake or a local golf course. Take a step back in time at one of our historical locations.

Hit a spa or visit a unique boutique. Stop by for a hot meal or cold drink. Camp out or check-in to one of our hotels...we have

something for EVERYONE!!!

## VANDALIA WELCOME CENTER



The Tourist Information Center and Chamber of Commerce are located at 1408 N. Fifth St. The center is open year round and the staff is most helpful with current information about community events, motel rates, restaurants and historic site information.

Office hours: Mon. - Fri.: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
(Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday 1 - 4 pm.  
Memorial Day through Labor Day.)

### CITY HALL

431 W. Gallatin St.  
618.283.1152

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1408 N. Fifth St.  
618.283.2728

## LODGING IN VANDALIA



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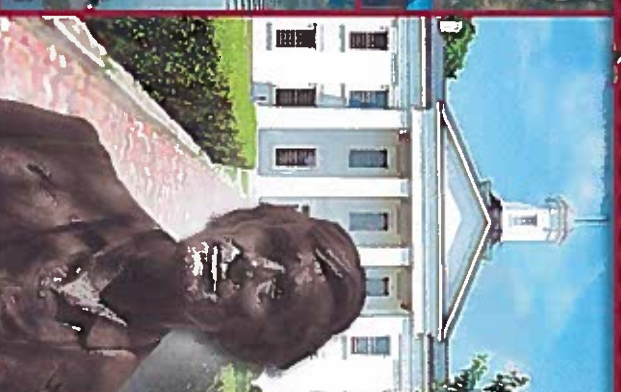


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